

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
March 12, 2014

The Mount Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission met March 12, 2014 at Mount Vernon City Hall Chambers with the following members present: Truman Jordan, Trude Elliott, Bill Micheel, Treva Heiser and Dick Peterson. Absent: Rich Hileman, and Jenna Wischmeyer. Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Matt Siders. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Truman Jordan at 6:39 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda and November 13, 2013 minutes. These documents stand approved unless otherwise indicated by Commission members. Jordan mentioned that the minutes from December were not available for approval. These will be approved at the next meeting.
 2. Open Forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
 3. Discussion on future items for board discussion. This item was suggested by Jenna Wischmeyer at a Comprehensive Plan meeting. She thought it would be worthwhile for the commission to have a discussion to come up with a list of items to prioritize and work on. For example, ordinance updates, evaluation of zoning in light of the upcoming Highway 30 bypass project, etc. and how the commission works with City Council. Micheel suggested that someone from the Comprehensive Plan committee give City Council periodic updates on the how things are progressing so that they are up to date. Updates for the general public and a survey were also suggested. The commission also felt it was important to nominate a secretary for the Comprehensive Plan Committee to take minutes to allow Chad Sands more time to focus on the meetings. These items will be addressed at the next Comp Plan meeting in April. Peterson said that changes to the zoning ordinance would follow changes to the Comprehensive Plan.
 4. Zoning Administrator Report. There has not been a lot of activity on building permits. There were a few sign permits that were approved. There will be a demolition ordinance coming to Planning and Zoning for review in the next couple of months. There may also be a zoning change for consideration for the Lincoln Heights area due to variances being granted for items that did not conform with the current zoning ordinance. Siders will gather more information on this and bring back to the commission. There may be future discussion on residences above commercial spaces.
 5. Old Business.
 6. New Business.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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